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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMER, PINT, VS

SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 071355

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL, I OBTAINED APPOINTMENT TO SEE VICE FONMIN TOGO AT ABOUT 1200 HOURS, MARCH 29 AT WHICH TIME I LEFT HIM A COPY MESSAGE CONTAINED IN PARA 2 REFTEL. I STRESSED HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THIS URGENT UNDERTAKING AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE GOJ COULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE OF IMMEDIATE BASIS.

2. TOGO REPLIED THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD URGENCY OF SITUATION AND IS ENTIRELY SYMPATHIC WITH THE EFFORT THE US NOW MOUNTING. HE SAID THAT GOJ ALREADY HAD LOOKED INTO POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO EVACUATION BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT CONCLUSION HAD BEEN REACHED. HANABUSA, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, REMARKED THAT DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED WITH JAPANESE SEAMEN'S UNION WHICH GENERALLY OPPOSES ANY EFFORT TO ASSIST SVN. I SAID THAT I RECOGNIZED THAT POSSIBILITY BUT CERTAINLY HOPED THAT SUCH POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS COULD BE OVERCOME. IN VIEW OF URGENT HUMANITARIAN NEED.

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3. IN CONCLUSION , I SAID THAT I REALIZE THAT THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE TIME TO STUDY PROBLEM BUT HOPED IT
WOULD DO SO ON URGENT BASIS AND INFORM ME SOONEST WHAT
CONTRIBUTION IT CAN MAKE. TOGO SAID
HE WOULD BE BACK SOONEST.
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